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For USE OF AN ENZYME FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF AN AGENT FOR
CONTROLLING BACTERIAL INFECTION

AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to continued examination of this Application, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment for consideration in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response for three months until March 18, 2003.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two months to extend the period for response until May 18, 2003, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for two months accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the formal extension of time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or if any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of this application, Applicants expressly request any necessary extension of time and authorize any required fee to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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